

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system for transmitting a database or other
software over a communication link, such as the
Internet, which prevents unauthorized use. In order to
prevent such unauthorized use, the customer's equipment,
such as a GPS unit, is provided with a unique software
key. The updated database is ordered over the
communication link by providing the unique software key
10 and may include electronic payment information. The
database is encrypted, for example, as a function of the
unique software key and transmitted over the
communication link in encrypted form along with an
upload program. The upload program only allows the
15 encrypted database to be uploaded into a unit with a
matching software key. As such, the system allows
updated databases to be transmitted rather quickly and
easily over a communication link while preventing
unauthorized use.

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